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SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1904.

A Stabbing Affray.

As the result of a brawl which was precipitated by the renewal of an old quarrel, Frederick Koch, 26 years old, who lives with his wife and three children in Maple street, West Orange, lies in a dangerous condition in the Orange Memorial Hospital, with six stab wounds in his back, and Louis Hess, 44 years old, a former resident of the town, whose present home is at 430 East Seventy-first street, New York, is held by the police to await the result of the former's injuries.

Koch is in a serious condition, the knife that did the damage having entered his vitals three times. The most serious hurt is an incision in the left lung. Koch is well-known in this town and resided here several years, working as a teamster.

Death of Teresa Quinn.

Miss Teresa Quinn, daughter of Mrs. Mary Quinn, died at her home, No. 498 Bloomfield avenue, on Thursday morning, after a long illness. The funeral services will take place Monday morning in the Church of the Sacred Heart. Miss Quinn's death is mourned by a wide circle of friends, by whom she was loved and esteemed. She was a member of the Sodality Society of the Church of the Sacred Heart and an active participant in the religious and social work among the young people in that church, and her death is a great loss.

Masonic Items.

Bloomfield Lodge, No. 40, F. and A. M., had a very large meeting last Wednesday night. They had so many candidates for initiation that they opened at 6 P. M. and continued until 12 midnight. Thursday night a large delegation went by trolley to Caldwell to assist in the work.

Next Tuesday evening Bloomfield Lodge will attend the reception to be given to Most Worshipful Grand Master John H. Wilkins, tendered him by the Masons of the Sixth Masonic District at the New Auditorium, Orange street, Newark.

"The Wizard of Oz."

"The Wizard of Oz," which ran for forty-three weeks at the Majestic Theatre in New York, began an engagement of three weeks at the New York Theatre last Monday evening. The house was crowded, and the brilliant musical spectacle was received with the enthusiasm accorded a successful new production.

A Fine Lecture.

A large audience was present in Christ Episcopal Church parish house Wednesday evening and enjoyed the interesting lecture on the subject of the Passion Play at Oberammergau given by Dr. Byron De F. Shedy of New York city. During intervals in the lecture "The Palm," "There is a Green Hill" and "The Holy City" were sung. The proceeds, which were large, will go to the rectory fund.

Berkeley Neighborhood Club.

The Berkeley Neighborhood Club closed the season's meetings Thursday night with a musical entertainment in the Berkeley School assembly hall, and which was attended and enjoyed by a large number of people. The Euterpean Orchestra, led by E. Walter Morris, rendered a number of selections and solos were sung by Miss Helen MacDermid and Mr. Elvin Blight.

New Organist Engaged.

The Glen Ridge Congregational Church has secured the services of Mr. Lucien G. Chaffin of New York, as organist and choirmaster for the year beginning May 1, 1904. The choir will be as follows: Soprano, Miss Marion James of Montclair; contralto, Miss Martin of Bloomfield; tenor, Mr. George E. Glauder of Newark; basso, Mr. Ralph S. Lane of Orange.

Park M. E. Church.

Dr. Woodruff will preach on Sunday morning at the Park M. E. Church on the "General Conference now in session and its work." In the evening he will begin a series of sermons on the second coming of Christ.

Keep in mind the coming musical event, the concert by Wm. C. Carl, the renowned organist, at the Park M. E. Church, Thursday evening, May 12th.—Add.

The Revenue Problem.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: The desire that has been manifested by the Chairman of the Town Council and other members of that body is a commendable one and appeals with satisfaction to the mass of taxpaying citizens. But if the decrease in the tax rate is to be brought about by an increase in the assessable property valuations and by a so-called equalization of assessments, the taxpayer may not manifest such an approving view of the matter when the tax bills go out in the fall.

The most satisfactory way of effecting a reduction of the tax rate is by increasing the town revenue by means that will not impose any increased burden on house owners. In the case of property held merely for speculative purposes, and the owners of which are enjoying an annual increment in value at the expense of those who are improving and developing surrounding property, there is good opportunity for applying the equalization theory to its fullest extent, and the assessors will be supported by public opinion in dealing with the unimproved speculative property in a manner justified by the circumstances.

Under present conditions in this town the administration should make it a point to see to it that all the revenue possible is derived from the license and franchise privileges conferred by the local government. There will undoubtedly be a protest from many quarters against any increase in revenue from an increase in saloon licenses. There are some circumstances that the Council will be called upon to give consideration to in dealing with the saloon license question. If there is a popular demand in any locality for a saloon, and that demand far outweighs the opposition to the granting of a license, the Council should not be bound by precedents in dealing with such instances.

It is questionable whether the license ordinance in force here, and which has tended to confer a monopoly of the liquor traffic in the hands of a favored few, is in accordance with the demands of equity and justice. If the town revenue can be increased without material injury to any locality in the town by the issuing of an additional license the revenue will not prove unacceptable.

The police department is in a broad sense a revenue producing department of government, and the ordinances on the town books afford many ways and means for the police to bring in considerable revenue to the town.

Let a sharp lookout be kept upon the street railway company, and let all that is due the town from car licenses be secured.

Hundreds of dogs are roaming the streets of this town, notwithstanding an ordinance requires that their owners shall pay a license fee and have dogs duly tagged.

There is some room for an increase of revenue by imposing a license on slot machines. Notwithstanding a prohibition against them, these machines are in use in the town and are a fruitful source of revenue to the owners of the machines, and also to those who get a commission from the receipts.

The privilege of making books on horse races should be heavily taxed by the Town Council. There is reason to believe that some of the local book-makers take in from two hundred to three hundred dollars per day here from the light brigade of sports who chip in a quarter apiece to make up a dollar to place on a horse.

No doubt the book-makers would be willing to pay a large license fee and be privileged to conduct their business openly. As it is at present, the business goes on and the town gets no benefit. By enforcing all the measures that permit of revenue by means of indirect taxation, the Town Council will do much towards lessening the burden of direct taxation, and that is what the majority of people want done.

There is not much hope of any material increase of revenue from the levying of the poll tax which the new tax law requires shall be imposed this year. Only those who own property and cannot escape taxation, and a few conscientious non-property-owners, will pay the poll tax. Many unprincipled men will make it their boast that they will not pay it, and will gloat over beating the town out of it.

TAXPAYER.

Bowling Match.

The members of the Owl Bowling Club and the West End Bowling Club held a bowling match on Leuthausser's alleys on Thursday night. The following are the scores:

OWL B. C.	WEST END B. C.
Chas. Nicola, 180	164 N. Cadmus, 128
A. P. Gidder, 125	142 G. Crisp, 169
C. Hildebrandt, 140	138 W. Cochran, 112
L. Block, 132	130 H. Valentine, 141
A. Leuthausser, Jr., 119	173 A. Dale, 159
J. C. Green, 157	145 N. H. Polson, 193
G. Ashby, 171	137 E. T. Rice, 156
C. Bucher, 108	109 R. F. Cadmus, 143
	1291 1308
	1136 1195

Trains in Collision.

An outgoing Montclair train and an incoming Philadelphia express train collided in the Hoboken yards Wednesday evening. The Montclair train, in charge of Conductor Ira Stiles, with John Ouseck, engineer, and Michael Dougherty, fireman, was pulling out on track No. 4, when the engine struck a misplaced switch, crashed into the incoming train and overturned its engine. The engine of the local was also derailed and the shock shattered the windows of both trains.

Lackawanna Track Depression.

All doubt and uncertainty in regard to the outcome of the negotiations inaugurated last March under the new plan for Lackawanna track depression and leading to the abolition of the Clifton avenue and neighboring grade crossings, Newark, were cleared away Wednesday, when President Wm. H. Truesdale of the Lackawanna and Morris and Essex Railroad Companies affixed his signature to the contract providing for the work.

The frequently described plan calls for the depression of the Lackawanna tracks in what is known as the second section, under the old plan of removing tracks in Newark from grade. The difficulty presented by the intersection of the Morris canal is to be overcome by the construction of an inclined plane bridge over the depressed tracks, the water to be siphoned beneath the roadbed.

The expense of the work is to be borne by Newark, the Lackawanna Railroad Company and the Public Service Corporation jointly. The estimated cost is \$30,000, but Lincoln Bush, chief engineer of the Lackawanna, believes it will cost not more than \$20,000 under ordinary circumstances. Of this amount the Public Service will pay four-twelfths, the Lackawanna five-twelfths, and Newark the balance.

Final Session.

The Town Council held its final session Friday night of last week. Councilman Farrand was the only absentee. Councilman Moore introduced several amendments to the Essex Cross Railway franchise, all of which were approved. Clerk Johnson was instructed to notify the Public Service Corporation that under the terms of agreement between the town and the Orange and Passaic Valley Railway they have no right to operate the road without the consent of the Town Council and that the road could not be operated without that consent.

The Linden avenue improvement matter, which has been before the Council for the past two years, on motion of Councilman Walker the report was confirmed, by a vote of 4 to 2. The report reduces the original assessment on the property owners a small amount. The Finance Committee was directed to advertise for bids for \$30,000 worth of bonds for the erection of new firehouses.

A New Rule.

After January 1, 1905, it will not be an easy matter to secure a position as health inspector in a Board of Health in any municipality in the State. The State Board of Health has had a law enacted creating a State Board of Examiners. The duties of the Board will be to examine candidates for the position of Health Officer or Sanitary Inspector of any public body in New Jersey. The applicants will be examined as to their practical, as well as scientific knowledge of matters relating to sanitation. The examination method will become effective on January 1, 1905, and the examinations will probably be conducted semi-annually, on the first Wednesdays in June and December.

Pigeon Flying.

The Essex Homing Club opened the season with a race for old birds from Wilmington, Del., 100 miles, last Sunday. One hundred and sixty-two birds were liberated by J. C. Green, who wired: "Weather clear, wind north-west." At home the same conditions prevailed. Following is the summary:

	Yards per min.
Elz Moreton	1,149.56
J. W. Booth	1,141.06
W. Buchan	1,139.51
Walter Bros.	1,139.36
R. Foster	1,123.86
T. O. Maxwell	1,108.29
J. Frost	1,099.09
J. Grosshauser	1,098.19
Bucher and Holden	1,043.51
H. S. Greenwood	910.30
J. A. Castan	908.09
A. Plaster	819.99

New Pastor Welcomed.

The capacity of the Prospect Street Baptist Church, East Orange, was tested at both services on Sunday, when Rev. Abram Sterling Barnes assumed charge of the parish. The young clergyman won instant favor. At the morning service the right hand of fellowship was extended to the new pastor by Deacon Walter Tanner, and at the communion service two persons were received into membership. At the evening service four young women were baptized. A pretty feature was placing lilies in the water, the clergyman handing each girl a flower after the ceremony.

Crushed by Cars.

Leopold Grasso, an Italian laborer employed on a Lackawanna gravel train, while engaged in coupling cars in the yards here Sunday had his right leg crushed between the bumpers. He was sent to the Mountsinside Hospital, and it is believed his leg will have to be amputated.

Circus Coming.

Hargreaves' circus will exhibit here on Monday, May 9, giving two performances—afternoon at 2 o'clock and evening at 8 o'clock. Although the Hargreaves' big railroad shows this year are practically four shows in one, the management have arranged for a special rate of admission for this section of the country only. When Hargreaves had a small show out he charged twenty-five cents admission, and the people of this vicinity gave him liberal patronage. He has not forgotten that, and now, although the Hargreaves' big railroad shows are made up of a triple circus, a mammoth menagerie, a monster museum, and a real Roman hippodrome, making four shows, he has arranged to make the price of admission to see every feature, to see all the wonders, the very low price of twenty-five cents.



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